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# ***WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR COLORADO AND NEW MEXICO***

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## TO RECIPIENTS OF WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK REPORTS:

Most of the usable water in western states originates as mountain snowfall. This snowfall accumulates during the winter and spring, several months before the snow melts and appears as streamflow. Since the runoff from precipitation as snow is delayed, estimates of snowmelt runoff can be made well in advance of its occurrence. Streamflow forecasts published in this report are based principally on measurement of the water equivalent of the mountain snowpack.

Forecasts become more accurate as more of the data affecting runoff are measured. All forecasts assume that climatic factors during the remainder of the snow accumulation and melt season will interact with a resultant average effect on runoff. Early season forecasts are therefore subject to a greater change than those made on later dates.

The snow course measurement is obtained by sampling snow depth and water equivalent at surveyed and marked locations in mountain areas. A total of about ten samples are taken at each location. The average of these are reported as snow depth and water equivalent. These measurements are repeated in the same location near the same dates each year.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly from January 1 through June 1 in most states. There are about 1900 snow courses in Western United States and in the Columbia Basin in British Columbia. Networks of automatic snow water equivalent and related data sensing devices, along with radio telemetry are expanding and will provide a continuous record of snow water and other parameters of key locations.

Detailed data on snow course and soil moisture measurements are presented in state and local reports. Other data on reservoir storage, summaries of precipitation, current streamflow, and soil moisture conditions at valley elevations are also included. The report for Western United States presents a broad picture of water supply outlook conditions, including selected streamflow forecasts, summary of snow accumulation to date, and storage in larger reservoirs.

Snow survey and soil moisture data for the period of record are published by the Soil Conservation Service by states about every five years. Data for the current year is summarized in a West-wide basic data summary and published about October 1 of each year.

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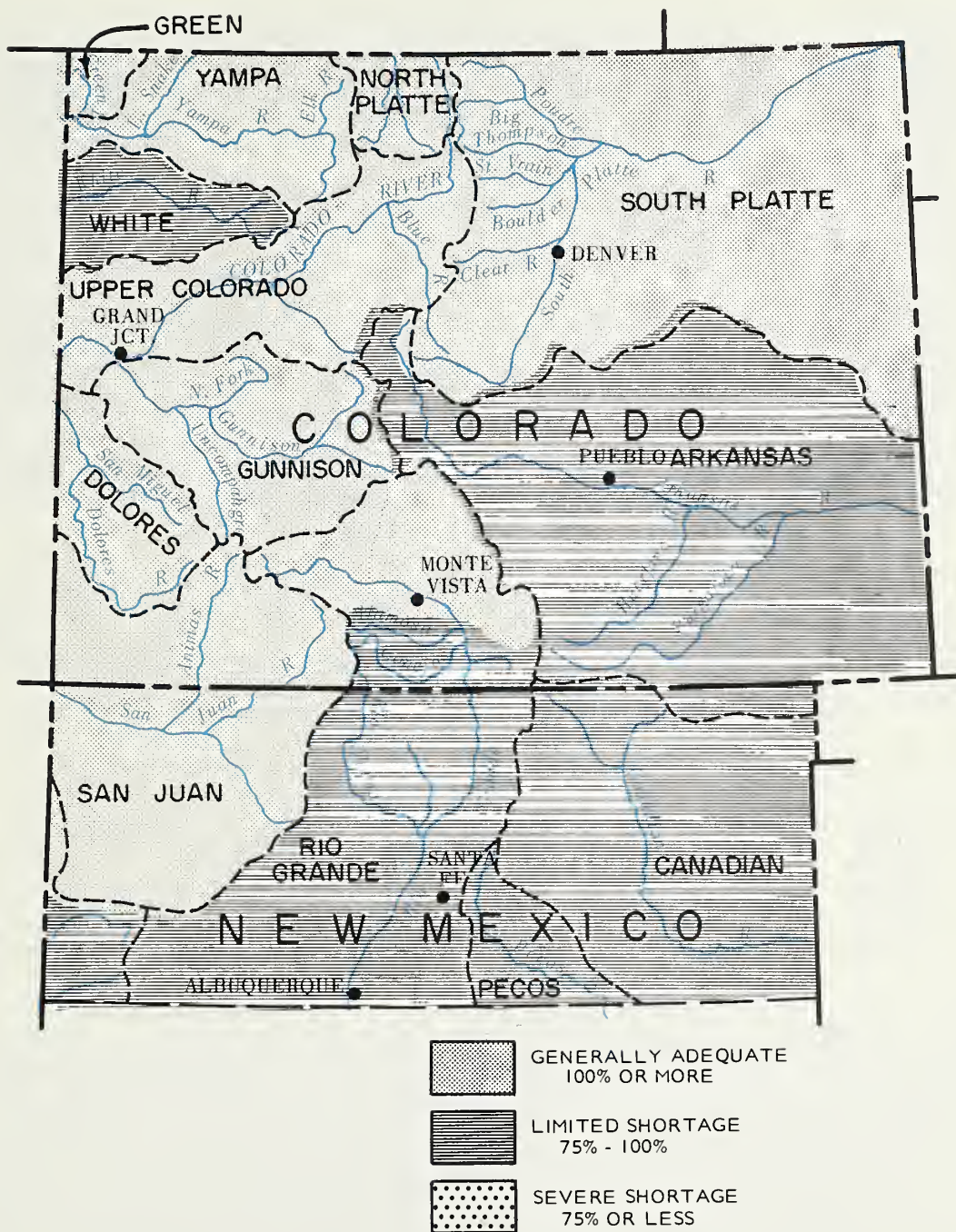
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# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

March 1, 1972  
as of



The map on this page indicates the most probable water supply as of the date of this report. Estimates assume average conditions of snow fall, precipitation and other factors from this date to the end of the forecast period. As the season progresses accuracy of estimates improve. In addition to expected streamflow, reservoir storage, soil moisture in irrigated areas, and other factors are considered in estimating water supply. Estimates apply to irrigated areas along the main streams and may not indicate conditions on small tributaries.

## WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS

as of

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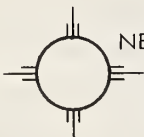
SNOWFALL DURING FEBRUARY WAS BELOW NORMAL IN ALL AREAS. HOWEVER, MOST OF COLORADO AND NEW MEXICO STILL HAVE NEAR NORMAL SNOWPACK WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE RIO CHAMA AND SAN JUAN BASINS. THE UPPER COLORADO AND THE SOUTH PLATTE BASINS HAVE THE HIGHEST SNOWPACKS. LOW SNOWFALL AND WARM TEMPERATURES HAVE CAUSED MELTING ON SOUTH FACING SLOPES, ESPECIALLY IN SOUTHERN COLORADO AND NEW MEXICO. RESERVOIR STORAGE IS GOOD IN NORTHERN COLORADO AND POOR ON THE ARKANSAS IN COLORADO AND RIO GRANDE IN NEW MEXICO.



COLORADO

-- FEBRUARY SNOWFALL WAS LESS THAN NORMAL OVER THE ENTIRE STATE AND MUCH LESS THAN NORMAL IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION.

MOST AREAS STILL SHOW ABOUT NORMAL SNOWPACK, BUT PERCENTAGE-WISE LESS THAN LAST YEAR. STREAMFLOW FORECASTS RANGE FROM 75 TO 110 PERCENT OF THE 1953-67 AVERAGE. RESERVOIR STORAGE IS ABOVE NORMAL IN ALL AREAS EXCEPT THE ARKANSAS DRAINAGE. THERE STORAGE IS ABOUT 71% OF THE 15 YEAR AVERAGE. SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS ARE REPORTED AS FAIR IN THE IRRIGATED AREAS OF THE STATE AND MOUNTAIN SOILS CONTAIN NEAR NORMAL MOISTURE. MORE SNOW IS NEEDED.



NEW MEXICO

-- WEATHER IN NEW MEXICO DURING FEBRUARY WAS WARM AND DRY. THIS DID NOT IMPROVE THE MOUNTAIN SNOWPACK.

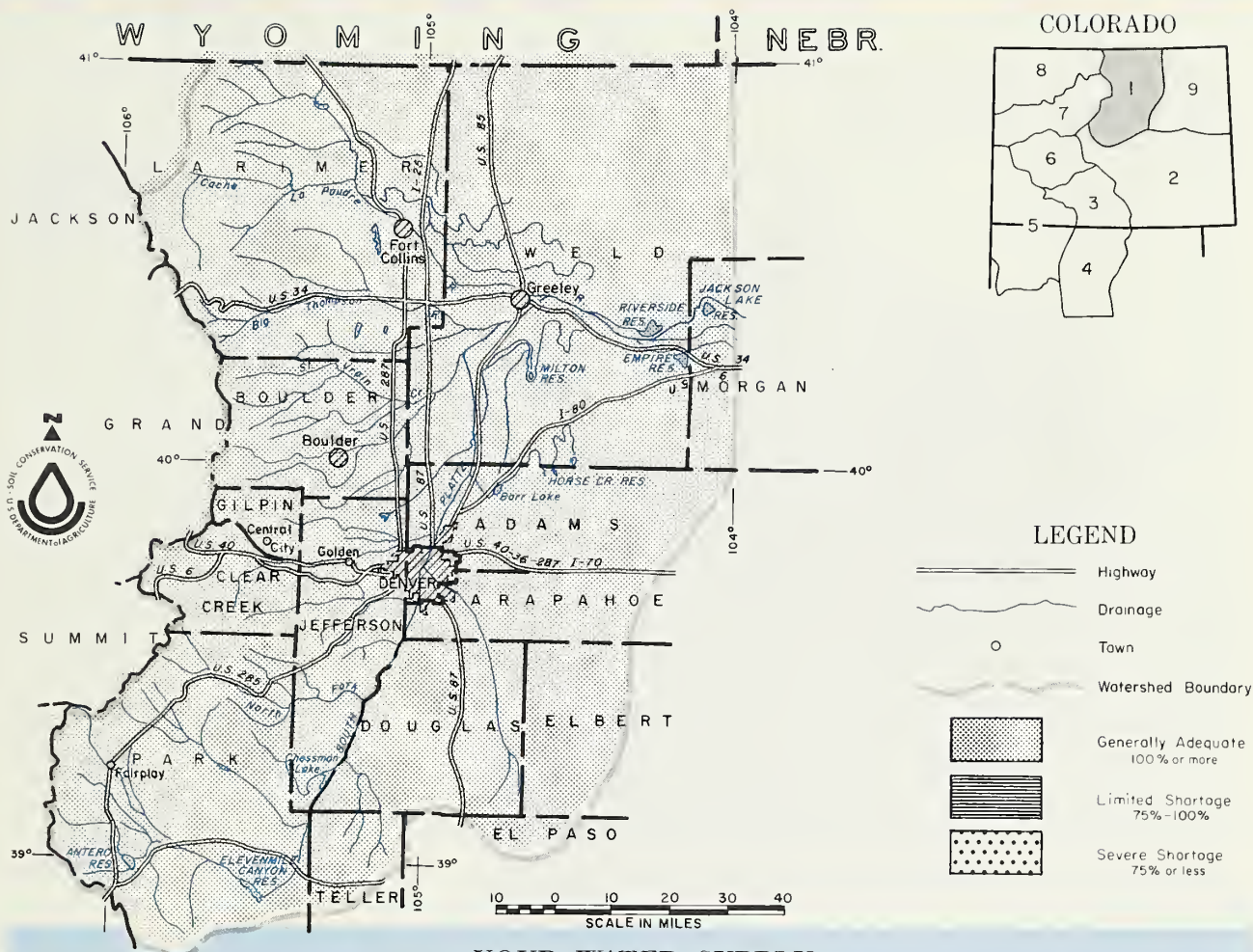
ALL STREAMFLOW FORECASTS WERE REDUCED DUE TO THE BELOW NORMAL SNOWPACK. FORECASTS RANGE FROM 85% OF NORMAL ON COSTILLA CREEK TO ABOUT NORMAL ON RIO HONDO. THE SAN JUAN INFLOW TO NAVAJO IS ABOUT NORMAL, BUT CONSIDERABLY REDUCED FROM LAST MONTH. FLOW OF THE PECOS SHOULD BE BELOW NORMAL. RESERVOIR CARRY-OVER STORAGE IS POOR, BUT WILL PROVIDE SOME SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPLIES. CONSIDERABLY MORE SNOW IS NEEDED TO INSURE ADEQUATE WATER THIS SUMMER.



# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR THE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS IN THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER WATERSHED IN COLORADO as of

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## YOUR WATER SUPPLY

SNOWPACK IS ABOVE AVERAGE ON MOST TRIBUTARIES IN THE SOUTH PLATTE BASIN. THE WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK DROPPED SLIGHTLY FROM LAST MONTH DUE TO BELOW AVERAGE SNOWFALL IN MOST AREAS. STREAMFLOW FORECASTS FOR THE APRIL THROUGH SEPTEMBER PERIOD RANGE FROM 105% ON THE CACHE LA POUDE TO 114% ON THE ST. VRAIN. RESERVOIR STORAGE REMAINS THE SAME AS LAST MONTH AT 137% OF NORMAL. THIS IS ABOUT 76% OF THE TOTAL STORAGE CAPACITY.

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# STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.)

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST	% of Average	
		Average	Average +
Big Thompson at Drake (1)	110	110	100
Boulder at Orodell	55	112	49
Cache La Poudre at Canyon Mouth (2)	225	105	215
Clear Cr. at Golden (3)	130	109	119
Saint Vrain at Lyons (4)	80	114	70

(1) Observed flow plus by-pass to power plants. (2) Observed flow minus trans-basin diversions plus municipal and irrigation diversions. (3) Observed flow minus diversion through August P. Gumlick Tunnel. (4) Observed flow plus change in storage in Price Reservoir.

## SUMMARY of SNOW MEASUREMENTS

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED	Number of Courses Averaged	THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF:	
		Last Year	Average +
Big Thompson	5	91	114
Boulder	3	103	112
Cache La Poudre	8	78	111
Clear Creek	6	78	91
Saint Vrain	3	111	114
South Platte	3	119	110

## RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average +
Antero	33.0	15.9	15.9	10.6
Barr Lake	32.2	24.0	24.0	18.9
Black Hollow	8.0	4.2	4.2	3.3
Boyd Lake	44.0	36.1	44.8	27.8
Cache La Poudre	9.5	7.7	7.9	7.0
Carter Lake	108.9	97.5	100.1	71.3
Chambers Lake	8.8	1.6	4.2	2.7
Cheesman	79.0	79.1	72.6	46.4
Cobb Lake	34.0	20.5	22.1	9.9
Eleven Mile	97.8	73.5	96.4	72.0
Fossil Creek	11.6	8.8	9.1	6.1
Gross	43.1	28.9	36.0	24.0

# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

STREAM or AREA	Flow Period	
	Spring Season	Late Season
Bear Creek	Avg.	Avg.
Coal Creek	Avg.	Avg.
North Fork of South Platte	Avg.	Avg.
North Fork of Cache La Poudre	Avg.	Avg.
Ralston Creek	Avg.	Avg.
Rock Creek	Avg.	Avg.

## SOIL MOISTURE

RIVER BASIN	Number of Stations	THIS YEAR'S MOISTURE as PERCENT OF:	
		Last Year	Average +
Big Thompson	3	97	110
Boulder	1	73	95
Cache La Poudre	2	92	91
Clear Creek	2	69	79
Saint Vrain	2	89	117
South Platte	2	98	67

## RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average +
Halligan	6.4	5.6	1.5	3.8
Horsetooth	143.5	106.5	106.3	93.6
Lake Loveland	14.3	12.2	10.0	8.1
Lone Tree	9.2	7.9	8.2	6.2
Mariano	5.4	5.3	5.1	3.9
Marshall	10.3	6.1	6.5	2.5
Marston	18.0	14.8	16.9	14.3
Milton	24.4	15.9	14.0	9.5
Standley	42.0	24.3	23.3	9.8
Terry Lake	8.2	5.7	6.4	4.9
Union	12.7	12.1	12.7	7.5
Windsor	18.6	13.5	6.4	8.4

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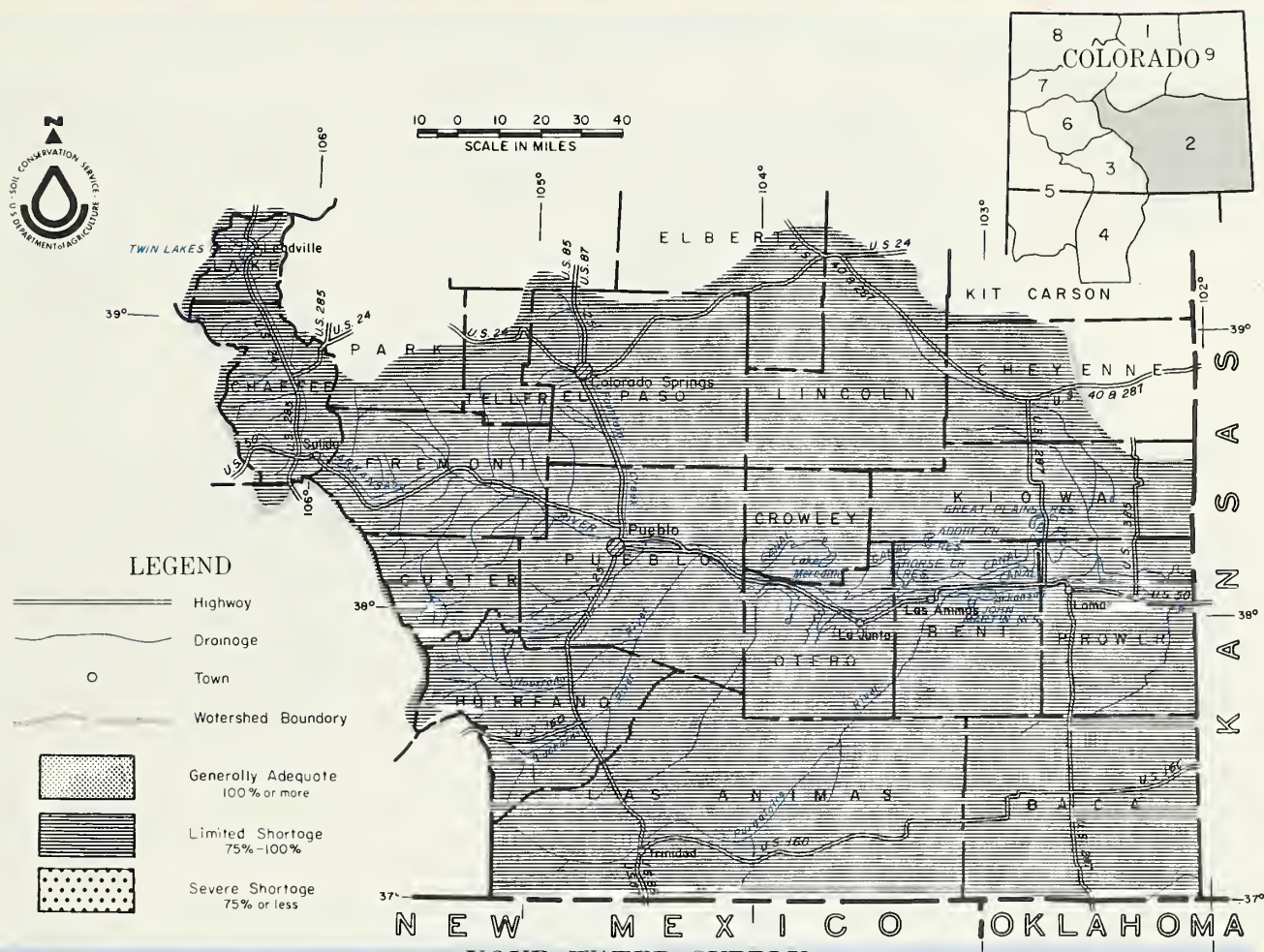
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# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR THE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS IN THE ARKANSAS RIVER WATERSHED IN COLORADO

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THE SNOWPACK DROPPED TO NEAR NORMAL ON THE ARKANSAS RIVER BECAUSE OF BELOW NORMAL SNOWFALL DURING THE MONTH. STREAMFLOW FORECASTS ON THE ARKANSAS ARE 94% AT SALIDA AND 100% AT PUEBLO. THE PURGATOIRE IS FORECAST AT 93% AND THE CUCHARAS SLIGHTLY ABOVE AVERAGE. RESERVOIR STORAGE, EXCLUDING TURQUOISE, IS 71% OF THE 1953-67 AVERAGE AND 48% OF LAST YEAR. SOIL MOISTURE IN THE IRRIGATED AREAS IS REPORTED AS FAIR TO POOR.

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# STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.)

FORECAST POINT	FORE-CAST	% of Average	Average +
Arkansas nr Pueblo (1)	300	100	298
Arkansas at Salida (1)	290	94	309
Cucharas nr LaVeta	14	117	12
Purgatoire at Trinidad	43	93	46

# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

STREAM or AREA	Flow Period	
	Spring Season	Late Season
Apishapa	Avg.	Fair
Fountain Creek	Avg.	Fair
Grape	Avg.	Fair
Hardscrable Creek	Avg.	Fair
Huerfano	Avg.	Fair
Monument Creek	Avg.	Fair

(1) Observed flow plus change in Clear Creek, Twin Lakes and Turquoise Reservoirs minus diversions through Busk Ivanhoe, Divide, Twin Lakes and Homestake Tunnels and Ewing, Front Pass, Wurtz and Colombine ditches.

## SUMMARY of SNOW MEASUREMENTS

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED	Number of Courses Averaged	THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF	
		Last Year	Average +
Arkansas	10	100	103
Cucharas and Purgatoire	2	115	94

## SOIL MOISTURE

RIVER BASIN	Number of Stations	THIS YEAR'S MOISTURE as PERCENT OF:	
		Last Year	Average +
Arkansas	3	90	82
Cucharas and Purgatoire	1	76	99

## RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average +
Adobe	61.6	13.5	47.9	11.5
Clear Creek	11.4	6.2	5.4	6.6
Cucharas	40.0	NR		6.9
Great Plains	150.0	42.0	108.7	35.4
Horse Creek	26.9	0.0	4.3	4.9

## RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average +
John Martin	353.9	22.6	26.5	85.1
Meredith	41.9	8.5	26.0	9.0
Model	15.0	1.0	1.9	3.1
Turquoise	130.0	58.7	50.0	7.0
Twin Lakes	57.9	30.8	41.8	20.1

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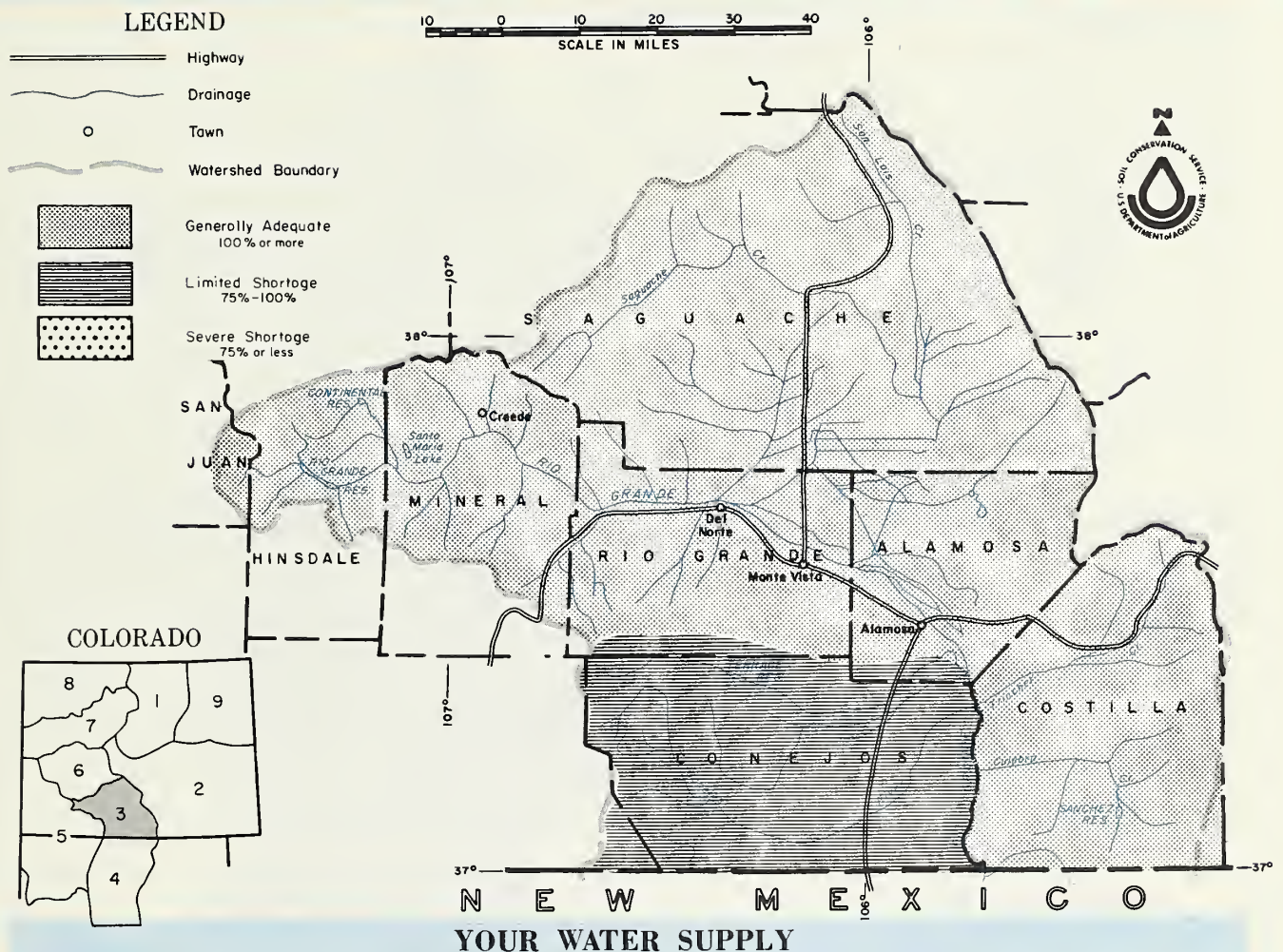
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SNOWFALL DID NOT KEEP PACE DURING FEBRUARY. CURRENT SNOWPACK IS NOW BARELY NORMAL IN MOST AREAS AND ONLY 76% ON THE CONEJOS. STREAMFLOW FORECASTS HAVE BEEN REDUCED. THEY RANGE FROM 96% ON THE CONEJOS TO 110% ON THE SOUTH FORK. RESERVOIR STORAGE IS 130% OF NORMAL AND WILL BE A GOOD SUPPLEMENT TO SUMMER FLOWS. MORE SNOW IS NEEDED TO INSURE ADEQUATE SUPPLIES THIS SUMMER.

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## STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.)

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST	% of Average	Average +
Alamosa abv Terrace	58	94	62
Conejos nr Mogote (1)	165	91	182
Culebra at San Luis (2)	20	105	19
Rio Gr. at 30 Mile Bridge (3)	128	109	117
Rio Gr. nr Del Norte (3)	460	105	438
So. Fork at So. Fork	120	110	110

(1) Observed flow plus change in storage in Platoro Reservoir. (2) Observed flow plus change in storage in Sanchez Reservoir. (3) Observed flow plus change in storage in Sonto Morio, Rio Grande and Continental Reservoirs.

## SUMMARY of SNOW MEASUREMENTS

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED	Number of Courses Averaged	THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF	
		Last Year	Average +
Alamosa	2	97	91
Conejos	3	94	76
Culebra	2	145	115
Rio Grande	10	134	108

## WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

STREAM or AREA	Flow Period	
	Spring Season	Late Season
Saguache Creek	Avg.	Fair
Sangre de Cristo Cr.	Avg.	Fair
Trinchera Creek	Avg.	Fair

## SOIL MOISTURE

RIVER BASIN	Number of Stations	THIS YEAR'S MOISTURE as PERCENT OF:	
		Last Year	Average +
Alamosa	1	62	79
Conejos	1	102	91
Culebra	2	81	95
Rio Grande	2	71	92

## RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average +
Continental	26.7	5.8	8.5	4.4
Platoro	60.0	2.9	2.9	7.1
Rio Grande	45.8	16.2	40.0	12.0

## RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average +
Sanchez	103.2	10.0	56.4	10.6
Santa Maria	45.0	6.4	10.1	5.5
Terrace	17.7	6.0	0.0	3.7

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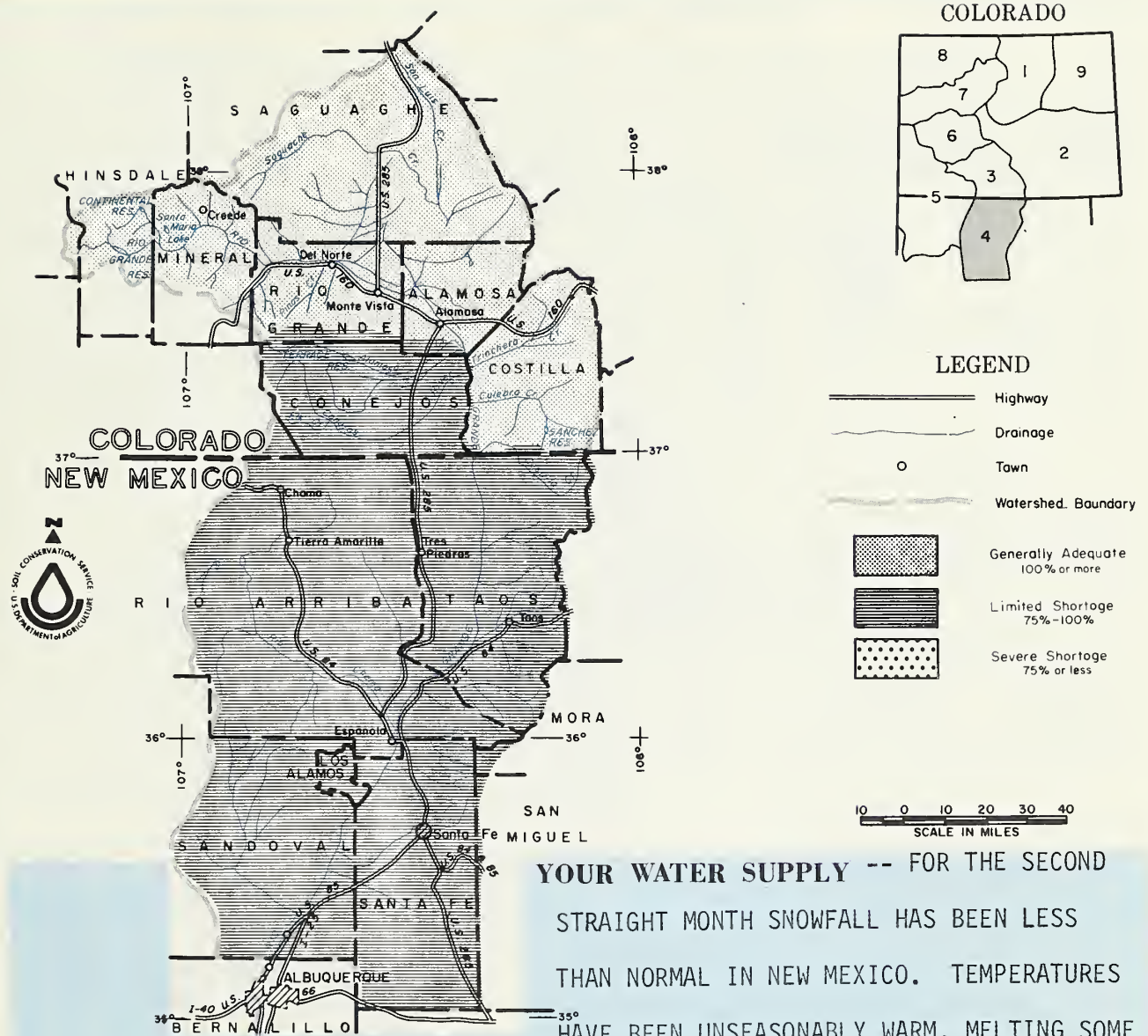
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# STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.)

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST	% of Average	Average +
Costilla at Cost. (1)	15	83	18
Pecos at Pecos	35	85	41
Rio Chama to El Vado	160	85	188
Rio Gr. at Otowi (2)	500	97	513
Rio Gr. at San Mar (2)	330	99	334
Rio Hondo nr Valdez	15	100	15
Red R. at mouth nr Questa	25	78	32

The forecast of the Rio Grande at San Marcial is 51 % of the Average used by the Elephant Butte Irrigation District. (1) Observed flow plus change in Costilla Reservoir. (2) Observed flow plus change in storage in El Vado and Abiquiu Reservoir.

## SUMMARY of SNOW MEASUREMENTS

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED	Number of Causes Averaged	THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF	
		Last Year	Average +
Pecos	1	233	44
Rio Chama	4	86	59
Rio Grande, N.M.	12	147	72
Rio Hondo	1	134	--
Red River	2	198	93

# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

STREAM or AREA	Flow Period	
	Spring Season	Late Season
Embudo Creek	Avg.	Fair
Jemez River	Avg.	Fair
Mora River	Avg.	Fair
Nambe Creek	Avg.	Fair
Rio Ojo Caliente	Avg.	Fair
Rio Pueblo de Taos	Avg.	Fair
Santa Fe Creek	Avg.	Fair

## SOIL MOISTURE

RIVER BASIN	Number of Stations	THIS YEAR'S MOISTURE as PERCENT OF:	
		Last Year	Average +
Pecos	2	153	117
Rio Chama	2	157	114
Rio Grande	2	112	112
Red River	1	150	126

## RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.)

END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average +
Alamogordo	111	52	57	76
Caballo	344	17	78	81
Conchas	273	79	154	163
Elephant Butte	2195	223	362	370

## RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.)

END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average +
El Vado	195	1	1	4
McMillen-Avalon	32	13	18	20

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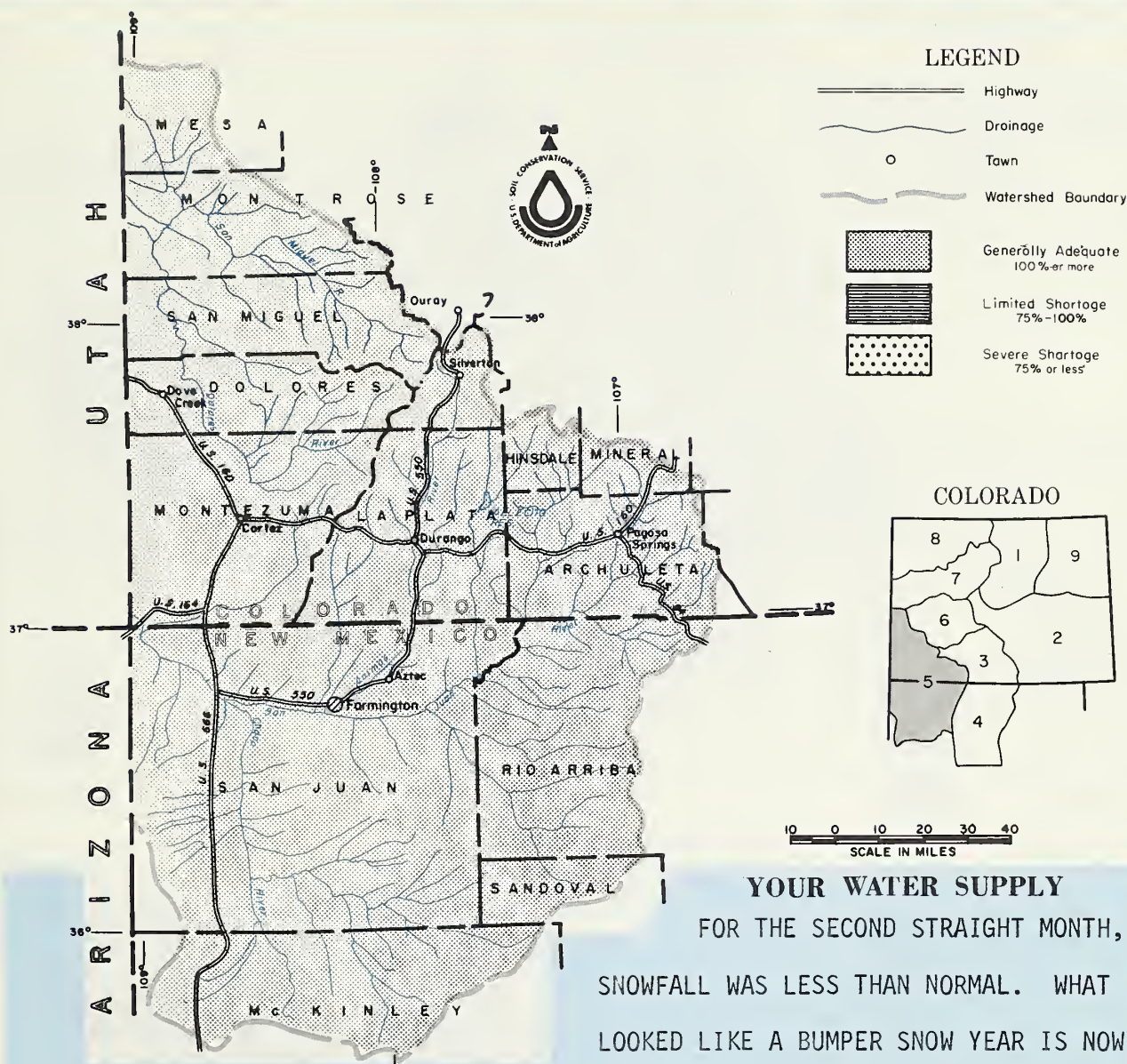
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BARELY NORMAL. STREAMFLOW FORECASTS HAVE BEEN REDUCED 10 to 20 PERCENT. RESERVOIR STORAGE IS SLIGHTLY ABOVE NORMAL. MORE SNOW IS NEEDED TO INSURE ADEQUATE SUPPLIES THIS SUMMER.

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# STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.)

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST	% of Average	Average +
Animas at Durango	460	112	409
Dolores at Durango	225	97	231
La Plata at Hesperus	25	104	24
Los Pinos at Bayfield (1)	200	103	194
Piedra Cr. at Piedra	140	86	163
San Juan at Carracas	400	106	379
Inflow to Navajo Res. (1) (Apr-Jul)	600	97	619

(1) Observed flow plus change in storage in Vallecito Reservoir.

## SUMMARY of SNOW MEASUREMENTS (COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED	Number of Courses Averaged	THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF	
		Last Year	Average +
Animas	6	103	102
Dolores	4	88	97
San Juan	5	113	93

# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

STREAM or AREA	Flow Period	
	Spring Season	Late Season
Florida	Avg.	Avg.
Mancos	Avg.	Avg.
San Miguel	Avg.	Avg.

## SOIL MOISTURE

RIVER BASIN	Number of Stations	THIS YEAR'S MOISTURE as PERCENT OF:	
		Last Year	Average +
Animas	3	90	97
Dolores	3	98	92
San Juan	2	100	87

## RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average +
Groundhog	22	9	14	7
Lemon	40	19	26	15
Navajo	1036	880	852	537
Vallecito	126	50	74	48

## RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average +

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## YOUR WATER SUPPLY

THE MOUNTAIN SNOWPACK DROPPED TO NORMAL OR SLIGHTLY BELOW DUE TO THE BELOW AVERAGE SNOWFALL DURING FEBRUARY. STREAMFLOW FORECASTS ALSO WERE REDUCED. THE GUNNISON SHOULD FLOW ABOUT NORMAL IF SNOWFALL IS AT LEAST NORMAL FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR. SURFACE CREEK SHOULD FLOW JUST ABOVE NORMAL AND THE UNCOMPAHGRE SLIGHTLY BELOW. BLUE MESA RESERVOIR CONTAINS 323,000 A.F. WHICH IS 77% OF LAST YEAR. MOUNTAIN SOIL MOISTURE IS BETTER THAN NORMAL.

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# STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.)

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST	% of Average	Average +
Gunnison R. inflow to Blue Mesa Res.	740	96	767
Gunnison nr Gr. Junction (1)	1150	101	1137
Surface Cr. nr Cedaridge	17	106	16
Uncompahgre at Colona	115	89	129

(1) Observed flow plus change in storage in Taylor, Blue Mesa and Morrow Point Reservoirs.

# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

STREAM or AREA	Flow Period	
	Spring Season	Late Season
North Fork of Gunnison Taylor	Avg. Avg.	Avg. Avg.

## SUMMARY of SNOW MEASUREMENTS

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED	Number of Courses Averaged	THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF	
		Last Year	Average +
Gunnison	12	100	100
Surface Creek	3	96	102
Uncompahgre	3	82	100

## SOIL MOISTURE

RIVER BASIN	Number of Stations	THIS YEAR'S MOISTURE as PERCENT OF:	
		Last Year	Average +
Gunnison	1	91	111
Surface Creek	1	89	106
Uncompahgre	1	89	106

## RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average +
Blue Mesa	941	323	421	--
Morrow Point	121	116	116	--
Taylor	106	68	99	56

## RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average +

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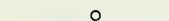



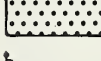


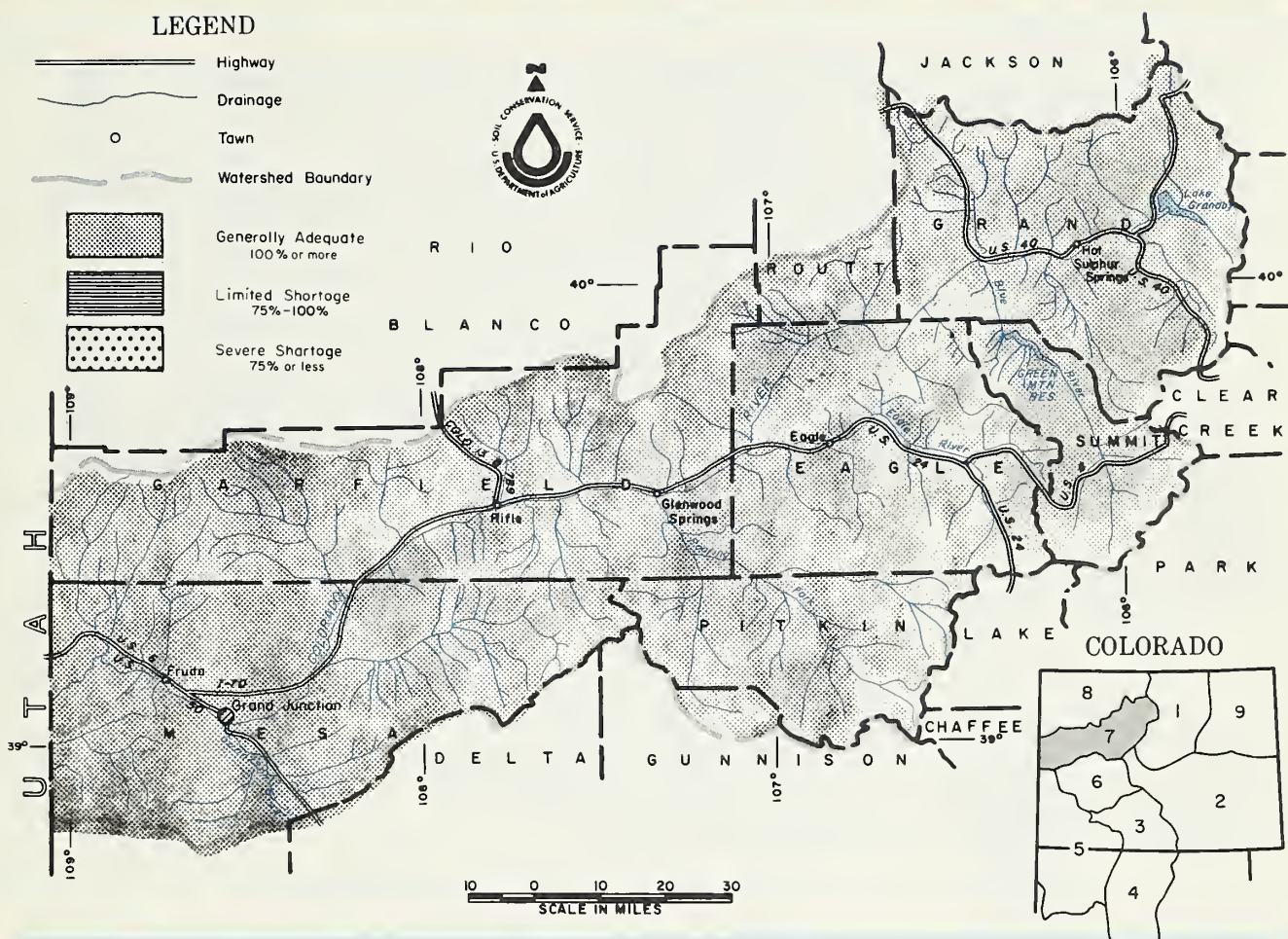
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## LEGEND

-  Highway
-  Drainage
-  Town
-  Watershed Boundary
-  Generally Adequate  
100% or more
-  Limited Shortage  
75%-100%
-  Severe Shortage  
75% or less



## YOUR WATER SUPPLY

SNOWFALL WAS BELOW NORMAL DURING THE MONTH BUT THE SNOWPACK IS STILL SLIGHTLY ABOVE AVERAGE ON ALL BASINS EXCEPT PLATEAU CREEK. THIS AREA IS SLIGHTLY BELOW AVERAGE. STREAMFLOW FORECASTS FOR THE APRIL THROUGH SEPTEMBER PERIOD RANGE FROM 98% TO 112% OF THE 1953-67 AVERAGE. THE COLORADO MAINSTEM AND THE ROARING FORK ARE FORECAST AT 105%. RESERVOIR STORAGE IS ABOUT THE SAME AS LAST YEAR.

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# STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.)

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST	% of Average	Average +
Blue ab Gr. Mt. (1)	240	101	236
Colo. Rv. inflow to Granby Res. (2)	225	103	219
Colo. Rv. nr Dotsero (3)	1450	105	1375
Roar. Fk. at G1Spr. (4)	725	105	692
Wm. Fk. nr Par. (5)	67	112	60
Will. Cr. inflow to Will. Cr. Res.	45	98	46
Colo. nr Cameo (6)	2200	99	2216

(1) Observed flow plus diversions through Roberts Tunnel and change in storage in Dillon Reservoir. (2) Observed flow corrected for change in storage in Lake Granby as furnished by U.S.B.R. and diversions by Adams Tunnel and Grand River Ditch. (3) Observed flow plus the changes as indicated in (1) (2) and (5) plus Moffot Ditch and change in Homestake, Williams Fork, Green Mt. and Willow Creek Reservoirs. (4) Observed flow plus diversions through Divide and Twin Lakes Tunnels plus change in storage in Ruedi Reservoir. (5) Observed flow plus diversions through August P. Gumlick Tunnel. (6) Observed flow plus the changes as indicated in (3) and (4).

## SUMMARY of SNOW MEASUREMENTS

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED	Number of Courses Averaged	THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF	
		Last Year	Average +
Blue River	8	91	109
Colorado	21	83	113
Plateau	3	91	95
Roaring Fork	7	90	106
Williams Fork	3	71	111
Willow	2	87	118

# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

STREAM or AREA	Flow Period	
	Spring Season	Late Season
Brush	Exc.	Fair
Eagle River	Exc.	Fair
Gypsum Creek	Exc.	Fair

## SOIL MOISTURE

RIVER BASIN	Number of Stations	THIS YEAR'S MOISTURE as PERCENT OF:	
		Last Year	Average +
Blue River	1	79	96
Colorado	5	85	92
Roaring Fork	1	83	112
Willow	1	103	124

## RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average +
Dillon	254	236	246	234
Granby	466	341	367	233
Green Mountain	147	79	74	63
Homestake	43	10	20	--

## RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average +
Ruedi	101	66	71	--
Williams Fork	97	55	49	27
Willow Creek	9	8	7	6
Vega	32	14	17	11

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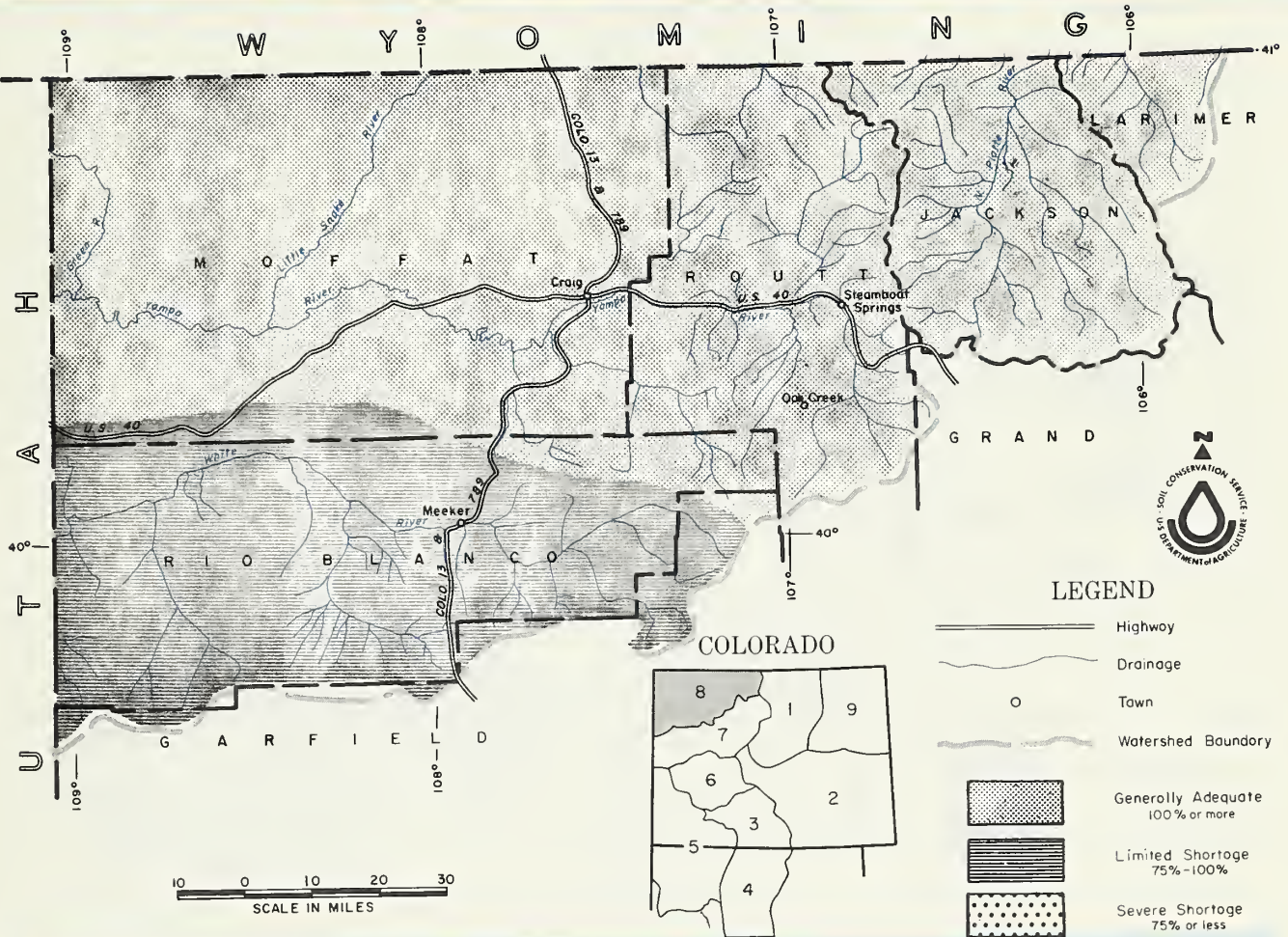
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# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR THE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS IN THE YAMPA, WHITE, AND NORTH PLATTE RIVER WATERSHEDS IN COLORADO

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## YOUR WATER SUPPLY

FEBRUARY SNOWFALL WAS LESS THAN NORMAL. WARM TEMPERATURES REDUCED THE LOW ELEVATION SNOWS TO BELOW NORMAL IN MOST PLACES. HIGH WINDS REDISTRIBUTED THE SNOWPACK AND EVAPORATED SOME. STREAMFLOW FORECASTS ARE GENERALLY DOWN FROM LAST MONTH, BUT STILL NEAR THE 15 YEAR NORMAL. THE LITTLE SNAKE AND NORTH PLATTE ARE BOTH BEING FORECAST ABOVE NORMAL. SOIL MOISTURE IS NEAR NORMAL.

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# STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.)

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST	% of Average	Average <sup>+</sup>
Elk at Clark	190	100	191
Laramie at Jelm	120	115	104
Little Snake at Lily	375	135	277
No. Platte at Northgate	258	120	215
White nr Meeker	250	85	293
Yampa nr Maybell	850	100	853
Yampa at Steamboat Springs	260	100	260

# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

STREAM or AREA	Flow Period	
	Spring Season	Late Season
Canadian River	Avg.	Avg.
Hunt Creek	Avg.	Fair
Illinois River	Avg.	Avg.
Michigan River	Avg.	Avg.
Oak Creek	Avg.	Fair
Trout Creek	Avg.	Fair

## SUMMARY of SNOW MEASUREMENTS

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED	Number of Courses Averaged	THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF	
		Last Year	Average <sup>+</sup>
Elk	2	89	91
Laramie	2	72	109
North Platte	5	78	116
White	2	75	89
Yampa	5	82	106

## SOIL MOISTURE

RIVER BASIN	Number of Stations	THIS YEAR'S MOISTURE as PERCENT OF:	
		Last Year	Average <sup>+</sup>
Laramie	2	92	91
North Platte	2	106	115
Yampa	1	89	96

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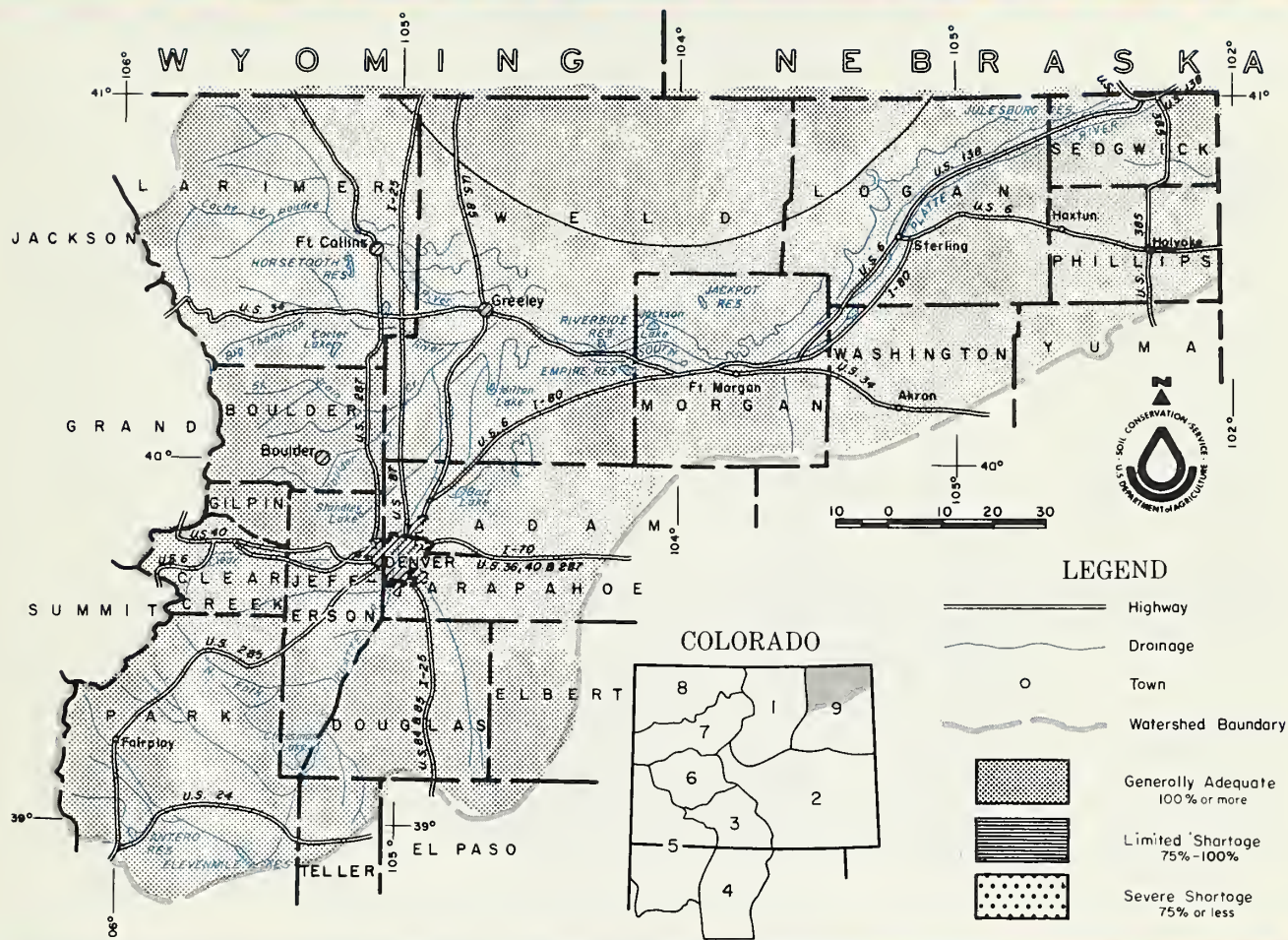


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## YOUR WATER SUPPLY

WATER SUPPLY OUT-LOOK WAS NOT QUITE SO GOOD THIS MONTH. MOUNTAIN SNOWFALL DURING FEBRUARY WAS BELOW NORMAL. FORECASTS DROPPED AS MUCH AS 15% UP AND DOWN THE BASIN. RESERVOIR STORAGE IS STILL EXCELLENT. PRACTICALLY ALL RESERVOIRS CONTAIN MORE THAN THE 15 YEAR NORMAL. MOUNTAIN SOILS CONTAIN ABOUT NORMAL MOISTURE. IRRIGATED SOILS ARE IN FAIR CONDITION.

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# STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.)

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST	% of Average	Average +
Big Thompson at Drake (1)	110	110	100
Boulder at Orodell	55	112	49
Cache La Poudre at Canyon Mouth (2)	225	105	215
Clear Cr. at Golden(3)	130	109	119
Saint Vrain at Lyons(4)	80	114	70

(1) Observed flow plus by-pass to power plants. (2) Observed flow minus trans-basin diversions plus municipal and irrigation diversions. (3) Observed flow minus diversion through August P. Gumlick Tunnel. (4) Observed flow plus change in storage in Price Reservoir.

## SUMMARY of SNOW MEASUREMENTS

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED	Number of Courses Averaged	THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF	
		Last Year	Average +
Big Thompson	5	91	114
Boulder	3	103	112
Cache La Poudre	8	78	111
Clear Creek	6	78	91
Saint Vrain	3	111	114
South Platte	3	119	110

# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

STREAM or AREA	Flow Period	
	Spring Season	Late Season
South Platte from Greeley to Ft. Morgan	Avg.	Avg.
South Platte from Ft. Morgan to Sterling	Avg.	Avg.
South Platte below Sterling	Avg.	Avg.

## SOIL MOISTURE

RIVER BASIN	Number of Stations	THIS YEAR'S MOISTURE as PERCENT OF:	
		Last Year	Average +
Big Thompson	3	97	110
Boulder	1	73	95
Cache La Poudre	2	92	91
Clear Creek	2	69	79
Saint Vrain	2	89	117
South Platte	2	98	67

## RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average +
Carter	108.9	97.5	100.1	71.3
Cheesman	79.0	79.1	72.6	46.4
Eleven Mile	97.8	73.5	96.4	72.0
Empire	37.7	23.7	31.2	27.2
Horsetooth	143.5	106.5	116.3	93.6

## RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average +
Jackson	35.4	32.9	34.9	30.8
Julesburg	28.2	19.8	19.8	20.7
Prewitt	32.8	22.6	19.8	14.5
Point of Rocks	70.0	63.9	69.8	49.9
Riverside	57.5	55.4	56.8	44.6

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## SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS as of March 1, 1972

SNOW COURSE	CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD	
	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (INCHES)	WATER CONTENT (INCHES)	WATER CONTENT (INCHES)	
				LAST YEAR	AVG. 53-67
NORTH PLATTE BASIN					
<u>Laramie River</u>					
Deadman Hill	2/29	45	13.4	17.5	12.6
McIntype	NS			-	-
Roach	2/28	55	16.0	23.4	14.4
<u>North Platte River</u>					
Cameron Pass	2/25	72	25.5	33.4	18.8
Columbine Lodge	2/25	73	23.1	25.3	19.6
Northgate	2/25	16	3.3	7.5	5.3
Park View	2/28	31	7.8	10.4	7.2
Willow Cr. Pass (B)	2/28	37	10.7	13.8	9.8
SOUTH PLATTE BASIN					
<u>Boulder Creek</u>					
Baltimore	2/28	20	6.1	6.5	5.8
Boulder Falls	2/28	40	12.4	11.6	9.1
University Camp	2/28	51	15.7	15.0	15.6
<u>Big Thompson River</u>					
Deer Ridge	2/29	13	3.7	3.4	3.9
Hidden Valley	2/25	32	7.7	10.4	7.9
Lake Irene (B)	2/27	61	19.2	22.1	18.2
Long's Peak	2/25	42	10.3	10.2	8.0
Two Mile	2/29	49	14.9	15.3	10.9
<u>Cache La Poudre</u>					
Bennett Creek	2/26	26	6.2	8.3	-
Big South	2/28	1	0.4	0.7	2.4
Cameron Pass	2/25	72	25.5	33.4	18.8
Chambers Lake	2/28	25	7.2	10.1	7.2
Deadman Hill	2/29	45	13.4	17.5	12.6
Hour Glass Lake	2/26	23	5.9	6.7	5.1
Joe Wright	2/25	66	18.9	24.9	-
Lost Lake	2/28	38	11.1	12.8	9.6
Pine Creek	2/28	4	1.1	1.5	1.6
Red Feather	2/28	22	5.2	7.3	5.6
<u>Clear Creek</u>					
Baltimore (B)	2/28	20	6.1	6.5	5.8
Berthoud Falls	2/28	46	11.8	12.8	11.5
Empire	2/28	17	5.1	7.0	6.0
Grizzly Peak (B)	2/28	55	15.5	19.1	13.4
Loveland Lift	2/29	35	9.2	15.9	17.7
Loveland Pass	2/29	46	12.9	16.4	12.3
<u>Saint Vrain River</u>					
Copeland Lake	2/27	19	5.1	3.4	3.7
Ward	2/28	21	4.4	5.4	4.8
Wild Basin	2/27	42	11.2	9.9	9.7
<u>South Platte River</u>					
Como	2/29	29	8.3	5.3	-
Geneva Park	2/29	18	3.5	1.9	3.1
Horseshoe Mt.	2/28	46	11.9	8.1	-
Hoosier Pass	2/25	50	11.3	9.6	10.5
Jefferson Creek	2/29	33	8.2	7.8	7.4
Mosquito	2/29	43	11.3	6.6	-
Trout Creek Pass	2/28	23	6.2	2.1	-
ARKANSAS BASIN					
<u>Arkansas River</u>					
Bigelow Divide	2/28	12	2.3	7.1	4.8
Cooper Hill (B)	2/28	39	8.7	9.3	8.5
East Fork	2/25	35	8.2	8.8	7.6
Four Mile Park	2/28	24	5.7	3.9	4.6
Fremont Pass	2/25	51	12.6	14.9	12.4
Garfield	2/29	37	11.0	10.9	11.4
Hermit Lake	2/25	23	6.6	7.6	-
Monarch Pass	2/29	45	14.3	13.3	14.3
Tennessee Pass	2/28	38	9.8	7.4	8.5
Twin Lakes Tunnel	2/28	43	10.8	7.7	8.6
Westcliffe	2/25	23	5.8	5.8	5.7

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<u>Cucharas River</u>					
Blue Lakes	2/28	0	0.0	0.9	3.5
Cucharas Pass	2/28	12	4.4	6.1	-
LaVeta Pass (B)	2/28	26	8.4	6.2	7.8
<u>Purgatorie River</u>					
Bourbon	2/25	23	5.0	5.5	6.4
<b>RIO GRANDE BASIN-COLO</b>					
<u>Alamosa River</u>					
Silver Lakes	2/28	8	2.2	3.5	5.5
Summitville	2/25	54	16.1	15.3	14.6
<u>Conejos River</u>					
Cumbres	2/25	40	12.8	13.9	16.5
LaManga	2/25	42	12.3	-	-
Platoro	2/28	39	12.8	11.6	13.8
River Springs	2/28	8	2.0	3.8	5.8
<u>Culebra River</u>					
Brown Cabin	2/29	15	4.1	0.1	-
Cottonwood (B)	NS			-	-
Culebra	2/28	30	9.0	5.8	7.3
LaVeta Pass (B)	2/28	26	8.4	6.2	7.8
Trinchera (B)	2/28	31	7.8	7.4	-
<u>Rio Grande</u>					
Cochetopa Pass	2/25	25	5.4	5.0	4.5
Grayback	NS			-	-
Hiway	2/28	53	19.8	17.1	21.4
Lake Humphrey	2/25	29	7.4	4.0	6.2
Love Lake	2/29	34	10.2	5.6	-
Pass Creek	2/28	30	10.5	7.8	10.8
Pool Table	2/29	28	6.4	2.4	5.9
Porcupine	2/29	40	11.6	6.9	8.7
Santa Maria	2/28	17	4.2	2.3	4.4
Upper Rio Grande	2/29	33	10.5	6.5	6.6
Wolf Creek Pass	2/28	57	21.2	19.5	22.9
Wolf Cr. Sum. (B)	2/28	67	26.1	20.1	22.1
<b>RIO GRANDE BASIN-N.M.</b>					
<u>Pecos River</u>					
Panchuela	2/28	6	1.4	0.6	3.2
<u>Rio Chama</u>					
Bateman	2/23	30	6.8	6.9	9.4
Capulin Peak	2/27	11	3.5	3.8	4.5
Chama Divide	2/24	2	0.5	0.8	3.6
Chamita	2/24	17	4.3	6.1	7.9
<u>Rio Grande</u>					
Aspen Grove	2/25	15	4.5	2.4	5.2
Big Tesuque	2/28	15	4.2	1.8	4.6
Blue Bird Mesa	2/26	5	1.5	1.3	4.7
Cordova	2/23	27	6.2	6.5	9.7
Elk Cabin				1.2	3.3
Fenton Hill	2/26	19	4.8	1.3	3.9
Hopewell	2/24	39	11.1	-	-
Pajarito Peak	2/28	0	0.0	1.8	1.5
Payrole	2/29	20	5.4	4.8	7.8
Quemazon	2/29	26	6.8	3.9	7.7
Rio En Medio	2/28	24	6.3	4.7	7.9
Sandoval	2/29	13	5.1	0.7	5.0
Taos Canyon	2/24	5	1.6	2.2	4.4
Tres Ritos	2/24	6	1.9	1.5	4.8
<u>Rio Hondo</u>					
Twinning	2/24	17	4.7	3.5	-
<u>Red River</u>					
Hematite Park (B)	2/23	11	2.6	1.0	3.7
Red River	2/23	21	5.7	3.2	5.2

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				LAST YEAR	AVG 53 67
SAN JUAN-DOLORES BASIN					
<u>Animas River</u>					
Cascade	2/28	27	8.5	7.5	10.2
Lemon	2/29	19	6.5	6.0	- -
Mineral Creek	2/28	36	11.7	13.4	11.7
Molas Lake	2/28	32	10.4	10.8	11.0
Purgatory	2/28	53	19.1	12.7	- -
Red Mt. Pass (B)	2/28	69	25.8	27.2	23.5
Silverton Sub-Sta.	2/28	22	6.7	5.6	5.6
Spud Mountain	2/28	52	20.1	16.5	19.5
<u>Dolores River</u>					
Lizzard Head	2/29	39	13.3	13.1	12.6
Lone Cone	2/29	39	13.0	14.6	- -
Rico	2/29	16	5.8	5.3	6.8
Telluride	2/28	23	6.4	8.3	5.9
Trout Lake	2/28	33	9.5	13.0	10.7
<u>San Juan River</u>					
Chama Divide (B)	2/24	2	0.5	0.8	3.6
Chamita (B)	2/24	17	4.3	6.1	7.9
Upper San Juan	2/28	60	23.5	20.7	25.2
Wolf Cr. Pass (B)	2/28	57	21.2	19.5	22.9
Wolf Cr. Summit	2/28	67	26.1	20.1	22.1
GUNNISON BASIN					
<u>Gunnison River</u>					
Alexander Lake	2/28	53	19.6	19.0	17.0
Blue Mesa	2/29	26	7.0	5.5	3.5
Butte	2/29	36	10.6	11.5	- -
Cochetopa Pass (B)	2/25	25	5.4	5.0	4.5
Crested Butte	2/29	35	9.8	8.4	10.6
Keystone	2/25	53	15.4	16.8	16.3
Lake City	2/24	31	6.8	5.8	7.6
Mesa Lakes (B)	2/28	42	13.1	13.1	13.4
McClure Pass	2/28	42	14.7	13.1	14.6
Park Cone	2/28	36	8.9	7.5	8.8
Park Reservoir	2/25	58	18.1	20.6	19.6
Porphyry Creek	2/29	40	11.0	13.5	13.9
Tomichi	2/29	35	10.4	11.3	10.2
<u>Surface Creek</u>					
Alexander Lake	2/28	53	19.6	19.0	17.0
Mesa Lakes (B)	2/28	42	13.1	13.1	13.4
Park Reservoir	2/25	58	18.1	20.6	19.6
<u>Uncompahgre River</u>					
Ironton Park	2/29	27	7.6	13.0	10.4
Red Mountain Pass	2/28	69	25.8	27.2	23.5
Telluride (B)	2/28	23	6.4	8.3	5.9
COLORADO BASIN					
<u>Blue River</u>					
Blue River	2/25	35	7.1	7.0	7.3
Fremont Pass	2/25	51	12.6	14.9	12.4
Frisco	2/28	25	6.3	6.4	6.3
Grizzly Peak	2/28	55	15.5	19.1	13.4
Hoosier Pass (B)	2/25	50	11.3	9.6	10.5
Shrine Pass	2/28	54	16.0	17.3	13.6
Snake River	2/28	29	6.4	9.0	6.7
Summit Ranch	2/29	28	7.6	7.3	6.0

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<u>Colorado River</u>					
Arrow	2/24	40	12.0	15.4	9.3
Berthoud Pass	2/25	51	14.0	17.8	11.6
Berthoud Summit	2/28	61	14.1	20.0	14.8
Cooper Hill	2/28	39	8.7	9.3	8.5
Fiddler Gulch	NS				13.5
Glenmar Ranch	2/28	31	8.4	9.5	6.4
Gore Pass	2/29	33	9.6	12.0	8.4
Grand Lake	2/29	32	8.1	8.5	6.6
Lake Irene	2/27	61	19.2	22.1	18.2
Lapland	2/22	35	10.3	12.7	8.6
Lulu	2/29	58	16.9	20.4	13.2
Lynx Pass	2/29	40	11.0	14.6	10.0
McKenzie Gulch	2/28	27	7.2	5.7	4.8
Middle Fork	2/28	33	7.5	10.9	7.5
Milner	2/27	42	11.7	14.3	11.1
North Inlet	2/28	29	7.9	9.2	7.4
Pando	2/25	33	9.2	9.5	7.9
Phantom Valley	2/27	32	7.7	11.5	8.5
Ranch Creek	2/24	32	8.1	12.3	7.1
Tennessee Pass(B)	2/28	38	9.8	7.4	8.5
Vail Pass	2/28	48	15.5	17.7	14.0
Vasquez	2/25	46	11.6	14.6	9.5
<u>Roaring Fork River</u>					
Aspen	2/26	51	15.4	19.8	13.0
Chapman	2/28	48	14.6	14.8	- -
Independence Pass	2/25	49	12.7	15.9	13.9
Ivanhoe	2/29	49	15.3	18.6	13.8
Kiln	2/29	41	11.9	10.8	- -
Last Chance	2/29	36	10.4	10.8	- -
Lift	2/26	50	13.9	15.3	13.8
McClure Pass	2/28	42	14.7	13.1	14.6
Nast	2/29	21	5.5	6.7	5.2
North Lost Trail	2/28	41	15.0	13.1	13.0
<u>Williams Fork River</u>					
Glenmar Ranch	2/28	31	8.4	9.5	6.4
Jones Pass	2/24	43	11.7	18.5	10.9
Middle Fork	2/28	33	7.5	10.9	7.5
<u>Willow Creek</u>					
Granby	2/28	31	8.0	7.6	6.1
Willow Cr. Pass	2/28	37	10.7	13.8	9.8
<u>Plateau Creek</u>					
Mesa Lakes	2/28	42	13.1	13.1	13.4
Park Reservoir	2/25	58	18.1	20.6	19.6
Trickle Divide	2/25	64	20.1	22.4	21.1
YAMPA BASIN					
<u>Elk River</u>					
Clark	2/29	34	8.6	9.1	11.5
Elk River	2/29	51	16.0	18.5	15.5
Hahn's Peak	2/29	40	11.3	14.1	- -
<u>White River</u>					
Burro Mountain	2/24	42	13.0	17.9	15.2
Rio Blanco	2/25	46	12.0	15.6	12.9
<u>Yampa River</u>					
Bear River				- -	- -
Columbine Lodge(B)	2/25	73	23.1	25.3	19.6
Dry Lake	2/24	52	16.5	18.8	17.6
Lynx Pass (B)	2/29	40	11.0	14.6	10.0
Rabbit Ears	2/25	79	22.3	28.6	21.2
Yampa View	2/28	44	12.7	16.7	12.3

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NORTH PLATTE BASIN					
<u>North Platte River</u>					
Muddy Pass	11/3/71	11.1	6.8	6.2	6.4
Willow Pass	11/10/71	9.5	8.3	8.1	6.7
SOUTH PLATTE BASIN					
<u>Boulder Creek</u>					
Alpine Camp	11/1/71	6.9	3.5	4.8	3.7
<u>Big Thompson River</u>					
Beaver Dam	11/2/71	7.1	5.3	5.1	3.8
Guard Station	11/2/71	6.9	3.2	4.1	3.4
Two Mile	11/2/71	9.1	5.5	5.2	5.5
<u>Clear Creek</u>					
Clear Creek	12/20/71	9.5	5.3	8.1	7.1
Hoop Creek	11/10/71	4.9	2.6	3.4	2.9
<u>Cache La Poudre River</u>					
Feather	10/7/71	10.1	4.7	4.5	4.5
Laramie Road	10/1/71	12.4	6.5	7.7	7.8
<u>South Platte River</u>					
Hoosier Pass	11/8/71	7.8	4.4	5.6	4.9
Kenosha Pass	11/8/71	4.4	2.6	2.6	2.6
ARKANSAS BASIN					
<u>Arkansas River</u>					
Garfield	10/12/71	6.7	4.2	4.4	3.9
Leadville	10/6/71	7.8	3.4	3.3	4.2
Twin Lakes Tunnel	10/6/71	4.5	0.9	1.7	2.3
RIO GRANDE BASIN - COLORADO					
<u>Conejos River</u>					
Mogote	10/20/71	10.7	5.0	4.9	5.5
<u>Rio Grande</u>					
Bristol View	10/21/71	6.1	3.1	5.0	3.9
LaVeta	10/20/71	11.9	7.1	9.4	7.2
RIO GRANDE BASIN - NEW MEXICO					
<u>Rio Chama</u>					
Bateman	2/23/72	6.7	4.2	1.3	3.2
Chamita	2/24/72	8.0	4.1	4.0	4.1
<u>Rio Grande</u>					
Aqua Piedra	2/24/72	7.2	4.2	4.4	3.7
Big Tesuque	NS			0.9	1.9
Rio En Medio	NS			0.4	1.2
Taos Canyon	2/24/72	3.3	2.5	1.6	2.3
<u>Red River</u>					
Red River Summit	2/23/72	4.8	2.4	1.6	1.9



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ANIMAS - SAN JUAN BASINS					
<u>Animas River</u>					
Cascade	11/2/71	9.1	5.5	5.5	6.3
Mineral Creek	11/1/71	5.7	3.1	3.5	3.7
Molas Lake	11/1/71	9.4	5.5	6.6	4.6
<u>Dolores River</u>					
Dolores	10/28/71	19.6	10.6	8.0	6.7
Lizzard Head	10/28/71	11.8	3.9	4.6	8.3
Rico	10/28/71	13.8	8.5	10.9	9.9
GUNNISON BASIN					
<u>Gunnison River</u>					
King	10/12/71	3.3	2.1	2.3	1.9
COLORADO BASIN (Mainstem)					
<u>Blue River</u>					
Blue River	11/8/71	4.2	2.7	3.4	2.8
<u>Colorado River</u>					
Berthoud Pass	11/10/71	3.9	2.5	3.1	2.8
Gore	11/8/71	4.9	3.3	3.0	2.5
Grand Mesa	11/8/71	12.5	9.9	11.1	9.3
Ranch Creek	11/10/71	8.7	4.7	5.7	6.0
Vail	10/25/71	12.3	4.9	7.0	6.9
<u>Roaring Fork River</u>					
Placita	11/12/71	9.3	5.8	7.0	5.2
YAMPA BASIN					
<u>Yampa River</u>					
Hahn's Peak	11/3/71	19.0	11.3	12.7	11.8

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